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The get-together meetings of the standpat Republicans in Columbus last winter and in other Ohio cities have resulted in a full Progressive state ticket being launched.

From Foraker's own testimony at Washington it appears that he voted both ways on the canal tolls question. But that's nothing new in Joe's case. Uncle Charlie Grosvenor twenty years ago said that he was "suu generis." And also "multum in parvo."

Senator Theodore E. Burton says that he proposes that his retirement shall redound to the benefit and not detriment of the Republican party. Which in plain language means that Joseph Benson Foraker isn't going to be nominated for senator if Theodore can prevent it.

A confident of victory note by the G. O. P. was found in the press reports which stated that the leaders were still looking for a man who could beat Governor Cox. Congressman Willis and David Tod of Youngstown, the only active candidates, not being regarded as men with the winning punch.

Having defended John D. Rockefeller when the Warnes law assessors got after him, the standpat Republican organization is busy now telling what an imposition was worked upon the Ohio Oil company, of Findlay, a Standard Oil company subsidiary, when it increased its personal property return by \$10,000,000.

They ought to call the leading standpat candidates the "Come Back Club." Herrick, Harding and Foraker were defeated for the governorship. Eagleston was licked for lieutenant governor in convention and for attorney general before the people and Cole was turned down in convention for congress. Hasn't the grand old party any fresh material?

It is town against farm in the Republican Governorship race now. The city politicians are behind David Tod, of Youngstown, iron manufacturer and banker, while the rural fellows are supporting Congressman Frank H. Willis, of Ada, teacher of law in Ohio Northern university. No other candidates count. The issue has been joined.

Enemies of former Governor Myron T. Herrick, now ambassador to France, who has declined to be nominated for either governor or senator, have started the story that he is in league with President Woodrow Wilson to remain out of Ohio during the coming campaign. The story emanates from sanctified Republican circles and cannot be charged up to any Democrat or Progressive. But isn't it a peach of a whine?

"THERE IS A REASON"

Not a single Democratic paper in Ohio is publishing any part of the weekly fulminations of John Whitacre, but they are eagerly awaited and given in full in the Republican standpat organs. Whitacre's sour-stomach effusions are exceedingly popular with the Reactionaries. "There is a reason," Whitacre is a kicker because he can't have his own way and boss Democrats resent his peculiar and vicious notions. No Democrat is being influenced by him, and no one is endorsing him except the standpat Republican organs and a few disgruntled Democrats who failed to get a job.

"CARING FOR THE WOUNDED"

While the fight of the standpat Republican organization against the workmen's compensation act is carried forth vigorously, state officials administering the law are carrying forth just as strenuously the great humane movement provided for in the measure.

A total of 32,402 claims had been filed with the industrial commission at the close of April this year. Of these there have been final awards in 25,126 and partial awards in 1,310 others that were not closed, as other claims are fileable because of the injuries. During April the commission disposed of 3,673 cases. The total number of death claims is 121. There were 7,274 cases pending May 1, when business for the new month was started.

There have been three deaths and 114 injuries to public employees, and all these claims are pending. There have been sixty-one claims filed

against employers who have not paid into the state fund, and of these forty-five are pending.

RAT HOLES STOPPED UP

As the largest corporation within the state's borders, the government of the commonwealth is now upon the same footing, so far as business methods are concerned, as the United States Steel company or the Pennsylvania Railroad company. At the close of any business day Auditor of State A. V. Donahey can strike a balance to the penny of the millions in the funds over which he has supervision and the condition of the State Treasury where John P. Brennan has stood guard since 1909, must coincide exactly with that balance. Every morning in the audience chamber of the executive department at the capitol there is posted a report signed by Treasurer Brennan showing the precise condition of the treasury the night before. No clerk can leave the treasury until the balance is struck and every penny properly accounted for—the universal rule of every sound banking institution. Under the new system no officer of state can indulge in the vicious practice of sending a voucher to a creditor and have it come back through a bank. The voucher now goes to the auditor of state who examines and really audits it and then sends the creditor a warrant on the treasury. Under the abolished custom the creditor got the money before the auditor was aware of a claim against the state. Now the process is exactly reversed. One of the beneficent results is that no state official can overdraw his account or impair a fund. Every month there is laid before him a report on the condition of the appropriations made for his department showing the balance remaining in each fund. He must either husband his resources or appeal to the state emergency board for permission to transfer sufficient money to enable him to meet expenses. The transfer must be from within the appropriation made for his department by the general assembly. The old rat holes through which the state's money leaked have all been stopped up.

THE HIRELING'S

Here is a sample of the insidious arguments put out by the liability insurance companies through the medium of the Republican press bureau at Columbus to break down the workmen's compensation act:

"Fixing \$3,700 as the value of a workman to his family permits the Cox administration to show a surplus of \$1,850,000 in the workmen's compensation fund. Courts were more liberal and the constitutional convention struck out the \$10,000 limit for damages for accidental death. But it is a comfort to find this state administration economical at one point."

This item was sent to every Republican newspaper in Ohio and has appeared in the columns of several of them. It is a coincidence that the argument follows almost identically the expression of the recent state convention of insurance agents at the capitol. One would almost be convinced that the same hand wrote the convention resolution and this quoted statement. And now for the facts:

The Cox administration does not place a value of \$3,700 upon the value of a workman's life. If a worker loses his life through the negligence of his employer or agent by reason of the violation of a safety statute or criminal refusal to do the obvious thing when that life is in danger, suit may be entered and as much damages as a jury will award can be obtained.

In the event that the life is lost through unavoidable accident the family is entitled to receive \$3,750 and also the cost of burial and any doctor's bills accruing before death.

The courts were not more liberal, as advanced. Precisely for the reason that injured workmen and the families of deceased victims of industrial danger were unable to secure any relief through the courts the compensation act was placed upon the statute books.

It is true that there is a large surplus in the fund set aside to meet emergencies. And there is a reason. In West Virginia within the month one coal mine explosion caused drafts to be drawn upon a similar fund there to the amount in excess of \$800,000 and the maximum has not yet been reached. The insurance companies whom the Republican press bureau represents maintain, as they are required to do, a large reserve to meet contingencies and the state administration has placed the workmen's compensation machinery on a business basis. The fund is now beyond the danger of impairment by reason of a catastrophe destroying human life in great bulk.

Finally, no workman in Ohio is required by law to take either the award for an accident made by the Ohio industrial commission nor is his family compelled to accept the death benefits. He can refuse and they can refuse to accept the tender and go into the nearest court and file suit for damages in any amount. But in so doing he and they surrender the right to claim the compensation fixed by the state in the event that the suit is lost.

UPON FITNESS FOR OFFICE

Under the ostensible cover of obtaining evidence to uphold a prosecution of an alleged violation of the state civil service law, Edward C. Turner, prosecuting attorney of Franklin county and candidate for the nomination for attorney general, secured possession of the books of the Democratic state executive committee. It is officially announced from his office that before they were returned to their rightful owners these books and documents were photographed. By what right or under what law this action was taken is not explained. When criticized for his action in the suit recently settled, Mr. Turner furnished to the newspapers matter taken from these supposedly inviolate grand jury records through which he sought to criticize in turn certain public officials. Further, it is stated that he proposes to make additional use of them. If anything was needed to sustain the entirely justifiable charge that the entire proceeding was mainly partisan this action furnishes the necessary proof. Mr. Turner desires to become the attorney for the state and the legal advisor to the general assembly, the state officials and the county prosecuting attorneys with all of whom he expects to assume confidential relations. It is entirely proper to ask the question whether it would be safe to entrust to such a mind the delicate business of the commonwealth. One who does not hesitate to violate the secrecy of the grand jury would stop at nothing to serve his own personal and selfish ends, not dwelling upon the reprehensible action of utilizing the machinery of the law against political opponents for the purpose of aiding his office-seeking ambition. One could respect the burglar who might break into the office of the state committee to steal the records, but what is to be thought of the man who captures them under the color of a legal proceeding? We choose the burglar!

IT'S GOOD TO BE A DEMOCRAT

When the long list of beneficent acts of the last three Democratic governors and their supporting administrations are taken into account every member of that party has full right to the possession of a feeling of pride. No longer the party of opposition, but entrusted with power, it has successfully demolished the historic lie that it was not fit to rule.

When the roll is called of governmental betterments the number seems almost incredible. In every department the same story of reform and improvement is told, even to the supreme court, which under Democratic control has cleared away the stagnation of ancient lawsuits and opened the way for a speed disposition of litigation hereafter. There may have been mistakes made, but they are of a minor character and are engulfed by the vast work of construction. Whenever a Democrat hears his party criticized these days it should be his duty to demand specifications and to request of the critic wherein improvement can be made. That's the touchstone.

In the eight years that a Democrat has sat in the executive chambers at the state capital there has been much done to be proud of and nothing to cause a feeling of shame.

It's the same story at Washington, too. Even Providence smiles on us and this year this much blessed country will produce the greatest crops of all time.

It's a great thing to be a Democrat nowadays and in the spirit of gratefulness that fills our souls we invite all our separated brethren, the Republicans, Progressives, Socialists and Prohibitionists, to draw near and partake of the bounty we spread before them. Indeed, we feel like the bashful swain that William Jennings Bryan tells about. After a year's courting he was accepted by his sweetheart who told him that all that time she had been loving him and waiting for him to speak. Going out into the night he took off his hat and looked up at the stars with a bosom bursting with joy. Then he said: "Oh, Lord, I hadn't got nothing against nobody!" That's the way we rejoicing Democrats feel. We're passing the prosperity around and we are not denying any one his share on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

SNATCHED FROM DEATH'S JAWS

Halifax, N. C., May 18—Snatched from the very jaws of death after 14 days of famine on an Arctic sea, four survivors of a crew of 15, who escaped a fiery fate when the freight steamer Columbian burned May 3, arrived here today on the United States revenue cutter Seneca, which picked them up after 11 of their number starved.

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CONFERENCE

Of Congregationalists At Mansfield This Week

(Mansfield Shield)

The sixty-second annual state conference of the Congregational churches will be held at the First Congregational church beginning on Tuesday. The conference includes about 275 Congregational churches.

The church has been redecorated and several new stained glass windows have been put in, in preparation for the coming conference. Among the noted speakers at the conference will be Rev. Dan F. Bradley and Charles L. Fisk, of Cleveland; Prof. E. W. Lyman, of the Oberlin seminary; Secretary Mary E. Rathbun, of the Cleveland Y. W. C. A., and President Charles T. Thwing, of Western Reserve university.

One of the features of the convention will be a free organ recital given Thursday evening by Sutherland Dwight Smith, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Anna Metcalf Smith, organist of the First Congregational church.

OBITUARY

William Franklin Layman was born March 8th, 1860, died May 12th, 1914, aged 54 yrs., 2 mo., 4 days. Mr. Layman has been in failing health for the last two years. He sustained a stroke of paralysis and apoplexy Monday afternoon, May 11th, and lingered until Wednesday morning, dying at 4:30 o'clock, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Barker Busenberg, 3 miles south of Millwood. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, namely, Mrs. George Meckholt, Mrs. Homer Cooksey and Mrs. Barker Busenberg, ten grandchildren, his aged mother, four brothers, three sisters and a host of friends. He became a member of Eden chapel at an early age. Funeral services Friday forenoon at this church, Rev. L. G. Walker officiating.

IN SESSION AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., May 18—The eighteenth annual convention of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association met in this city today for a three days' session. President M. E. Singleton of Chicago called the gathering to order and delivered his annual address. The convention is largely attended by delegations from Texas, S. Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Marc Klaw is negotiating for the American rights on the sensational play, "Aphrodite," in which a nude slave is crucified on the stage.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified executrix of the estate of C. J. PENHORWOOD late of Knox County, Ohio, deceased, by the Probate Court of said county, May 16, 1914.

Belle Penhorwood,
Executrix,
Howard, Ohio.

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William Anthony McGuire, author of "The Divorce Question," is to produce a new play entitled "The Three Wise Men."

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1914, there was filed by the Board of Education of the Village School District of Centerburg, Knox County, Ohio, in the Court of Common Pleas of Knox County, Ohio, a petition asking for the transfer of the sum of \$1900.00 from the tuition fund and the sum of \$1000.00 from the contingent fund to the building fund, and praying that the Court might order said Board of Education to make such transfer of the said \$2900.00 to the building fund; that said petition will be for hearing on the 25th day of May, A. D., or as soon thereafter as it shall be convenient for the Court to hear the same.

L. T. CROMLEY,
Attorney for Petitioner.



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